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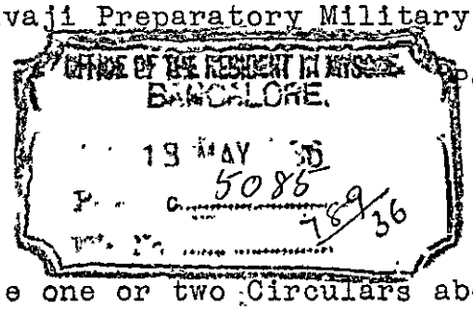

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Dear Sir

I enclose one or two Circulars about this school and shall be glad to send the Prospectus & other details to yourself or any one else asking for the same. After thirty years in this country as many Indian schools undoubtedly are, Excellent I am convinced that the Education supplied in the vast majority of Indian Schools has not always produced the right type of man in the past to be a capable Leader in any capacity. I am also sure it has not been the fault of the Educational Department. I am sure that India never needed capable leaders more than she does at the present time and will do in the future. In the past Indian Schools have concentrated on Book work learning almost entirely & neglected the matter of Character & Physical training in its many forms. Parents have been led to believe that the "pass or fail" in Matriculation or equivalent examination is almost the only thing that matters in Education- Every thinking & Educated man knows this is not so. Such men know quite well that the Examination by itself is of little value & does not either secure a young man employment or give him the Character necessary to make a Leader or start life successfully on his own account- The following are necessary to produce the above

(i) Residential School-

(ii) The House Prefect System as in an English Public School.

(iii) Character development as in an English Public School.

(iv) Open to all classes and Communities as in an English Public School.

(v) Fees that will ensure that only the Boys of fairly well to do Parents & selected Scholarship Boys are admitted.

All the above are found in this school & we educate for the Indian Military Academy & other Services & for the Matric.

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Our playing Fields are of the best & every kind of School game is played as well as following games & sports. Rowing, Riding, Boxing, Gymnastics & Drill, Tennis, Squash Racquets Golf & both Shot Gun & Rifle Shooting- All these are properly organised. If not properly organised games etc. are almost a danger & worse than useless. We have Boys from almost all parts of India- Poona is one of the healthiest places all the year round.

In the summer holidays the Principal has a "Holiday Home for Boys at Mahableshwar. And will take charge of Boys in the Diwali & also for our Camp in the Xmas Holidays. Our inclusive fees are only Rs. 700/- per year- probably cheaper than any other Public School. I am convinced that such a schpol is most important for the present Youth of India of all Classes- and I am borne out in this belief by the Educational Departments and by many Senior Civil and Military Officers & well educated Indians of all Classes. We have a good Teaching Staff & this is being improved again in the coming School Year. We have vacancies for more Boys & I shall be glad to take any you may recommend & send to me. Also we shall be glad to reserve Scholarships for any individual or community that will endow them-

A scholarship amounts to Rs. 600/- per year-

I believe that to make a foundation for an all India Nation Public Schools run on the lines of this one are a necessity. English Boys go to a Residential Preparatory school from age 8 to 13 before going to a Public School. As there are no Indian schools of that type in India we take Boys from 8 years of age. To learn & absorbe all we have to give Boys they should if possible be here from 9 to 19 years of age or longer

Our next School Year commences on June 18th.

Yours faithfully,

M Wootte

Lieut-Colonel.
Principal.

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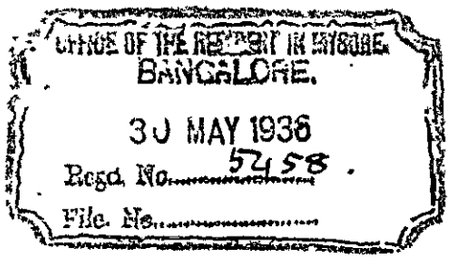
From,

Lieut Colonel M. C. Coote,
Principal, Shri Shivaji Preparatory Military School
Poona

To,

His Highness The President
and
The Members of the Governing Body



Your Highness & Gentlemen,

Having discussed the future of this school recently with some --- members of the Governing Body I at their request put up the following ---- proposals for your favourable consideration. I have put up various proposals of a similar kind during the past three years.

That the School shall be seperate from or a " side show" of the main all India Shri Shivaji Memorial which will of course remain as at present a purely Maharatta Institution.

That the funds of the Memorial shall remain as at present and be kept as in the past. For the actual school there shall be an entirely seperate fund called "the School Fund" kept in open account in Imperial or Bank of India Poona.

That you shall have a number of additional members or honorary members for the actual "School Governing Body" who shall have access to inspect the school Fund. The extra members to consist of some European and Indian ---- officials and representatives from the larger Indian States and each of the chief communities. I suggest some such names as the following.

President H. H. The Maharajah of Kolhapur
H. E. The Governor of Bombay Patron
The Army Commander Vice Patron

Honorary members of the Committee.

Three Military of Bombay Presidency such as Lt. Colonel Toogood Military Secretary to H. E. The Governor.

Major Kelly Educational Southern Command

Brigade Commander Poona or his representative

Three Civil i.e.

Mr. Grieve The Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. S. S. Cameron Educational Inspector C. D. and

The Commissioner or Collector of Poona. any others who show keenness to help the school. All above know the Army and Public Schools.

Also Representatives from Gwalior, Baroda, Indore, Hyderabad (Deccan) Mysore and Bhopal. Also one leader of main Communities such as Poona Parsis Poona Mahomedans etc.

This Committee to meet once or twice per year under your instruction and report to you on the School. This special or honorary School Governing Body will I believe give the Public more confidence- and this may bring forth Endowments and Donations, scholarships amd more Boys. The Maharatta community alone show no signs of wanting the school or any desire to supply Officers to the Army hence it is necessary to make the school more popular with other Communities. The above suggestions are I believe a possible method of doing this. I believe that no one will subscribe a penny more to the school Endowment Funds till the above is done. Your fund will be seperate and you will pay such amounts as you consider suitable into this new school Fund each year.

At present uneducated Parents remove their sons from the school because they can pass the Matric from cheaper schools and their sons usually have no chance of ever becoming Officers in the Army as their Education when young has not been on the right lines. Educated and wealthy parents at present do all in their power to send their sons to the Royal Indian Military College, the New Dhoon School or European schools where there is a better Teaching Staff than we have got. We can only remedy the above by getting a better teaching staff ourselves i.e. to start with two good English Public School Teachers on about 500/ p.m. each.

I have the honour to be

Your Highness and Gentlemen

Your most obedient servant

Lieut-Colonel

Principal.

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